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Filed: July 3, 2006	:	Examiner: A. S. Thomas
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For: CLOSING MECHANISM	:	
COMPRISING A HEATING	:	
MEANS, AND METHOD FOR	:	
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In response to the September 8, 2008 Office Action in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-12, to be initially prosecuted with traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested since the two groups of claims satisfy the unity of invention requirements of this U.S. national phase of an International application, as indicated in the previously filed Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority. Additionally, the claims are related by being directed to a product and a method of making that product. No clear showing is presented that the product of claim 1 is not novel in view of the cited U.S. Patent No. 5,585,026 to Smith, as required by M.P.E.P. §1850.

Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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